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AUDIO

CAMERA ON COX

SLIDE FARM-1  
HOUSESLIDE FARM-2  
BOY & RIBBONS

TODAY IS FRIDAY, AND MY FIRST OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT AN OUTSTANDING FARM FAMILY. TODAY'S FAMILY WAS SELECTED FOR US BY THE ASSISTANT COUNTY AGENT OF SIMPSON COUNTY, MR. JAMES PONDER. WE THINK HE HAS REALLY GIVEN US AN OUTSTANDING FARM FAMILY FOR OUR SALUTE ON RFD TELEVISIT.

THIS IS THE FARM HOME OF MR. AND MRS. R. T. WOMACK WHO LIVE WITH THEIR YOUNG SON, BILL, SOUTHEAST OF MENDENHALL AND ABOUT EAST OF MAGEE, MISSISSIPPI. MRS. WOMACK SAYS THAT WHEN THEY WERE MARRIED AND CAME TO THIS FARM TEN YEARS AGO THERE WAS A SHOTGUN HOUSE THAT YOU COULD HARDLY LIVE IN WITH ANY PRIVACY. THIS IS THE STORY OF A YOUNG FARM FAMILY...BUT A FAMILY THAT HAS WORKED HARD AND IS WORKING HARD TO MAKE A GOOD LIVING FOR THEMSELVES AND TO LEAVE A RICH HERITAGE FOR THEIR SON.

YOUNG BILL IS THE PRIDE AND HOY OF THE WOMACK FAMILY. BILL IS TEN YEARS OLD AND ALREADY A VETERAN 4-H CLUB SHOWMAN. SINCE JOINING 4-H CLUB WORK BILL HAS WON 4 FIRST PLACE RIBBONS IN THE SIMPSON COUNTY SHOW AND SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP AND GRANDCHAMPION IN THE JERSEY SHOW.

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SLIDE FARM-15  
BOY AND CALF

SLIDE FARM-8  
DEEP FREEZE

SLIDE FARM-12  
GARDEN

COUNTY HONORS ARE NOT THE ONLY ONES TO COME T  
TO YOUNG BILL WOMACK. WITH HIS REGISTERED  
JERSEY HE HAS WON A BLUE RIBBON AT THE  
DISTRICT SHOW AND A BLUE RIBBON AT THE STATE  
SHOW AT THE MISSISSIPPI STATE FAIR IN  
JACKSON. LAST YEAR BILL WON A TRIP TO  
HATHESBURG IN THEIR ANNUAL CALF SCRAMBLE SO  
I IMAGINE HE HAS LEARNED WELL HOW TO CATCH  
HOLD OF A CALF AND HANG ON. MRS. WOMACK  
SAYS THEY WANT BILL TO GROW UP AND BE AN  
ASSISTANT COUNTY AGENT JUST LIKE MR. PONDER.  
ISN'T IT WONDERFUL TO HAVE PEOPLE YOU WORK  
WITH TO THINK THAT MUCH OF YOU.  
SINCE ELECTRICITY CAME TO THE R.T. WOMACK  
FARM IT HAS PLAYED A MIGHTY IMPORTANT PART  
IN THE FARM PROGRAM. IN THE HOME ELECTRICITY  
HAS MEANT SUCH THINGS AS TELEVISION, AND  
THIS HUGE DEEP FREEZE FOR WHICH A BEEF IS  
SLAUGHTERED EVERY YEAR, INTO WHICH 50 CHICKENS  
GO EVERY YEAR, AS WELL AS VEGETABLES FROM THE  
WOMACK YEAR ROUND GARDEN. IN ADDITION TO THE  
YEAR-ROUND GARDEN THE WOMACK FAMILY HAS A  
HALF ACRE ORCHARD OF PEACH AND APPLE TREES...  
FOUR BEARING PECAN TREES WITH THREE YOUNGER  
TREES SOON TO COME INTO PRODUCTION...2 BEARING

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SLIDE FARM-10  
MILK SEED

PEAR TREES. MRS. WOMACK SAID THAT IN ADDITION TO THE FOOD SHE FREEZES FOR THE DEEP FREEZE SHE CANS ABOUT 250 JARS OF VEGETABLES EVERY SUMMER.

WE'VE TALKED ABOUT VARIOUS PHASES OF THE R.T. WOMACK FARMING OPERATION BUT WE HAVEN'T GOTTEN DOWN TO THE REAL FARM BUSINESS ON THE WOMACK FARM. WHEN THE R.T. WOMACK'S CAME TO THIS FARM AFTER THEIR MARRIAGE TEN YEARS AGO 17 ACRES WERE IN CULTIVATION AND THE REST WAS IN TIMBER, MUCH OF IT SCRUB TIMBER. MR. AND MRS. R.T. WOMACK RAISED COTTON UNTIL 1952 WHEN THEY WERE ABLE TO REALIZE THEIR AMBITION OF A BETTER WAY OF LIFE BY GETTING THEIR LAND OUT OF COTTON FOR WHICH IT IS NOT SUITED AND GETTING IT INTO PASTURE AND FORAGE CROPS.... CROPS THAT WOULD SUPPORT A DAIRY HERD. TODAY MR. AND MRS. R.T. WOMACK AND SON BILL OPERATE AS FINE A GRADE "A" DAIRY AS YOU'LL SEE ANYWHERE WITH ALL MILK COMING IN TO THE BLUE RIBBON CREAMERY OF JACKSON.

SLIDE FARM-7  
INSIDE BARN

INSIDE THAT BARN ONE QUICKLY FINDS THE TYPE OF CLEANLINESS SO ESSENTIAL TO BEING CALLED A GRADE "A" DAIRY. THE BARN IS SPOTLESSLY CLEAN WITH WHITEWASHED WALLS AND FLOORS.

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SLIDE FARM-4  
MILK CANS

WITH RUNNING WATER AVAILABLE AT THE TURN OF A FAUCET TO WASH THE BARN DOWN AFTER EVERY MILKING.

NOT ONLY IS THE BARN SPOTLESSLY CLEAN IN EVERY DETAIL BUT THE ADJOINING MILK HOUSE IS KEPT THE SAME WAY. ALL MILKING IS DONE WITH MACHINERY AND HANDS NEVER TOUCH A COW'S UDDER EXCEPT TO WASH AND DISINFECT THEM. HERE WE SEE THE MILKING MACHINES, COOLER WHICH BRINGS THE MILK TO A FIXED TEMPERATURE AND KEEPS IT THERE UNTIL PICKED UP AND THE MILK CANS WITH THE R.T. WOMACK NUMBER ON THE SIDE, SO AN ACCURATE RECORD CAN BE KEPT BY THE CREAMERY OF WHAT KIND OF MILK COMES FROM THE WOMACK GRADE "A" DAIRY

SLIDE FARM-6  
WOMAN & MILK CAN

EFFICIENCY AND LABOR SAVING DEVICES PLAY A MIGHTY IMPORTANT PART IN THIS DAIRY OPERATION. THIS SIMPLE HOIST AND TRACK SAVE COUNTLESS HOURS OF LIFTING AND STRAINING, AND WHEN MR. WOMACK IS AWAY PERMITS MRS. WOMACK TO LIFT THE MILK CANS AND LOWER THEM INTO THE COOLING TANK WITH A MINIMUM EFFORT.

SLIDE FARM-5  
COWS BEING MILKED

IN THE MILKING ELECTRICITY AGAIN COMES TO THE AID OF THE R.T. WOMACK FAMILY AND THE MILKING IS DONE RAPIDLY UNDER THE MOST MODERN CONDITION

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SLIDE FARM-13  
RADIO IN BARN

USUALLY MORE THAN THREE COWS ARE LET INTO THE BARN AT A TIME AND THEY ARE FED JUST BEFORE MILKING. HOWEVER, THESE COWS WERE PUT IN THREE AT A TIME TO ALLOW US TO GET A MORE CLEAR PICTURE OF THE ACTUAL MILKING OPERATION FOR OUR "RFD TELEVISIT" STORY. HERE YOU GET A CHANCE TO SEE HOW IMMACULATELY CLEAN THE DAIRY BARN IS KEPT.

IN THIS PICTURE I WANTED TO SHOW YOU THAT WITH THE WOMACK FAMILY THERE IS NEVER A NEED TO GET BEHIND ON WORLD AFFAIRS OR IMPORTANT EVENTS, BECAUSE SITTING ALONGSIDE THE MILKING MACHINE COMPRESSOR IS A RADIO THAT PROVIDES MUSIC FOR THE COWS AND PERMITS MR. WOMACK TO KEEP UP TO DATE ON THE LATEST FARM INFORMATION AND WORLD AFFAIRS.

SLIDE FARM-14  
COWS

WELL, WE'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT THE R.T. WOMACK DAIRY HERD, NOW HERE IS A FEW OF THEM. ACTUALLY RIGHT NOW MR. AND MRS. WOMACK ARE MILKING 24 HEAD OF THEIR 28 HEAD HERD. THESE COWS ARE PRODUCING AN AVERAGE OF 3½ GALLONS PER DAY AND THAT'S GOOD IN ANYBODY'S BOOK. I SHOULD HAVE MENTIONED EARLIER THAT ALONG WITH COTTON THE WOMACK'S RAISED BEEF CATTLE FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS. HOWEVER THEY HAVE

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ALWAYS WANTED TO BE IN THE DAIRY BUSINESS. THE WAY IN WHICH MR AND MRS. R.T. WOMACK GOT INTO THE DAIRY BUSINESS IS A STORY OF COURAGE PATIENCE, AND FAITH. IT ALL STARTED WHEN THEY WERE RAISING BEEF. MR. WOMACK WOULD GO TO DAIRIES AROUND SIMPSON COUNTY AND BUY ANY CALF HE COULD IN PRICES RANGING FROM 50¢ TO \$5 PER HEAD. SOME OF THESE COWS RIGHT HERE WERE BOUGHT FOR \$5. PER HEAD. ALL TOLD, R.T. WOMACK SAID HE HAD BOUGHT ABOUT 75 HEAD OF CATTLE IN THIS WAY AND THAT HE HAD NEVER SOLD ONE AS A MILK COW FOR LESS THAN \$90. THE PRICE HAS RANGED FROM \$90 TO \$180 FOR THESE \$5. CALVES. WITH THE MONEY OBTAINED IN THIS WAY R.T. WOMACK CALLED ON HIS COUNTY AGENT AND WITH THE COUNTY AGENT'S HELP THEY ATTENDED STATE COLLEGE CONDUCTED SALES AND BOUGHT GOOD REGISTERED JERSEY STOCK AS FOUNDATION FOR THEIR DAIRY BUSINESS.

SLIDE FARM-9  
CALVES IN FIELD

NOT ALL OF WOMACK DAIRY HERD IS REGISTERED. MR. AND MRS. WOMACK ARE TODAY MILKING SOME COWS THEY BOUGHT AS \$5. CALVES. I SAW ONE OF THESE MILKED AND A RESULTING 3 GALLONS OF MILK. IN ADDITION TO THE MILKING HERD THE WOMACK'S HAVE ABOUT 30 HEIFERS GROWING UP ON GOOD PASTURE OF WHICH 16 ARE YEARLINGS AND 14 TWO YEAR OLDS

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SLIDE FARM-8  
BULL

THE WOMACK FAMILY RAISES ABOUT 26 ACRES OF MILLET FOR GRAZING AND 5 ACRES OF KOBE LESPEDEZA FOR HAY, AS WELL AS 40 ACRES OF OATS FOR GRAZING AND 21 ACRES OF FESCUE AND LADINO CLOVER.

THIS HERD BULL IS A TWO YEAR OLD AND IS NOT YET IN SERVICE. THE OLDER HERD BULL WAS ON THE BACK OF THE PLACE SO WE DEDN'T GET HIM UP. IN ADDITION TO A GOOD HERD BULL, THE WOMACK'S BELIEVE IN AND USE ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION WHEN AVAILABLE. THE BLOOD LINE PREFERRED AND USED IN THE WOMACK HERD IS THE ADVANCER PEDIGREE.

SLIDE FARM-11  
HAY

IN ADDITION TO THE OATS FOR GRAZING, SOME 30 ACRES OF OATS ARE RAISED FOR HAY AND THIS HAY IS BALEL WITH THE OAT STILL IN THE HULL AND IS USED FOR WINTER FEEDING. R.T. WOMACK BALEL ABOUT A THOUSAND BALES THIS YEAR. MACHINERY PLAYS A VITAL PART IN THE WOMACK FARM PLAN INCLUDING A TRACTOR, MOWER, SEEDER AND FERTILIZER SPREADER, SECTION HARROW AND CULTIPACKER. ALL LAND IS TERRACED AND THE WOMACK'S ARE FORTUNATE IN HAVING CREEKS THAT NEVER GO DRY RUNNING THROUGH THEIR PASTURES FURNISHING A CONSTANT SUPPLY OF FRESH WATER FOR THEIR HERD.



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**SLIDE FARM-17**  
**MAN ON HORSE**

THE ONLY HORSE ON THE FARM IS THIS ONE THAT R.T. WOMACK AND BILL USE TO GET UP THE CATTLE AND LOOK AFTER THEM IN THE FIELD. MR. AND MRS R.T. WOMACK AND BILL ARE WORKING TOWARD A COMPLETELY REGISTERED JERSEY HERD AND MR. AND MRS. WOMACK LOOK FORWARD TO THE DAY WHEN YOUNG BILL WILL HAVE HIS OWN REGISTERED HERD RAISING TOP QUALITY CALVES, PRODUCING QUALITY MILK AND SHOWING PRIZE ANIMALS. THE WOMACK'S FOLLOW ALL EXPERIMENT STATION RECOMMENDATIONS. THE SOIL IS TESTED TO FIND OUT SOIL DEFICIENCY AND THEN FERTILIZED ACCORDING TO THE NEEDS. ALL HEIFERS ARE CALFHOOD VACCINATED AND THE WOMACK'S TAKE PRIDE IN MAINTAINING A CLEAN HERD OF CATTLE.

CAMERA ON COX

WELL, THERE IS MUCH MORE TO TELL ABOUT THIS WONDERFUL FAMILY. THE THING I LOVE ABOUT THEM IS THAT THEY ARE A YOUNG FAMILY AND SERVE TO SHOW OTHER YOUNG FOLKS THAT YOU DON'T HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL YOU'RE 50 YEARS OLD TO ACHIEVE A MARK OF DISTINCTION IN YOUR COMMUNITY AND COUNTY FOR THE PART YOU PLAY IN THIS FARMING BUSINESS. BUT, RIGHT NOW, COME WITH ME AND MEET THIS WONDERFUL FAMILY...A FAMILY I AM PROUD TO NAME MY OUTSTANDING FARM FAMILY OF THE WEEK ON "RFD TELEVISIT."

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	MR. WOMACK WE HAVEN'T TOLD ALL YOUR STORY. I KNOW THERE IS MUCH MORE. I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU ABOUT SOME OF IT.
1.	DID YOU START WITH YOUR PRESENT ACREAGE?
2.	WHEN DID YOU ADD TO IT?
3.	WHAT DID YOU SELL THAT 50% CALF FOR AND AFTER HOW LONG A TIME?
4.	HOW HAVE YOU GONE ABOUT CLEARING YOUR LAND?
5.	ARE YOU STILL CLEARING OR HAVE YOU FINISHED?
6.	I UNDERSTAND YOU HAD BEEN KEEPING YOUR BEST HEIFERS AND SELLING THE REST FOR BEEF, THEN IN 1952, YOU SOLD ALL BUT 17 OF YOUR BEST COWS AND BOUGHT 20 MORE. WHAT BROUGHT THIS ON AT THAT PARTICULAR TIME?
	NOW, MRS. WOMACK, WE'D LIKE TO TALK TO YOU A LITTLE BIT.
1.	I BELIEVE AT ONE TIME YOU HAD A POULTRY FLOCK. WILL YOU TELL US ABOUT IT?
2.	DID THINGS CHANGE FOR THE BETTER WHEN YOU GAVE UP THESE THINGS AND TURNED TO DAIRYING?
3.	I UNDERSTAND YOU HAVE MORE THAN A FAMILY INTEREST IN 4-H CLUB WORK...AREN'T YOU A 4-H LEADER?
4.	HOWARD LANGFITT SAID YOU MADE A STATEMENT TO HIM ABOUT WHAT YOU WOULD RATHER DO IF YOU WERE HIRING HELP, WOULD YOU TELL ME

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WHAT YOU TOLD HIM?

5. WOULD YOU TELL US ABOUT YOUR HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB ACTIVITIES?
6. WHERE DO YOU GO TO CHURCH AND WHAT PART DO YOU PLAY IN CHURCH ACTIVITIES?
7. WHAT DO YOU THINK IS THE GREATEST THING A FARM WIFE CAN DO TO HELP HER HUSBAND IN THE FARM PROGRAM?

BILL, WE'D LIKE TO KNOW A LITTLE MORE ABOUT YOUR 4-H WORK.

1. WHAT HAVE YOU DONE WITH YOUR WINNINGS SO FAR?
2. WHAT WILL YOUR 4-H PROJECT BE NEXT YEAR?
3. DO YOU WANT TO BE A DAIRYMAN WHEN YOU GROW UP?

WELL, WE ARE COMPLETELY OUT OF TIME, BUT I JUST WANT TO SAY THIS IS XXXXX AS FINE A FARM FAMILY AS WE'VE EVER HAD THE PLEASURE OF SALUTING ON "RFD TELEVISIT". MR. AND MRS. R.T. WOMACK, I AM INDEED PROUD TO NAME YOU THE "RFD TELEVISIT" "FARM FAMILY OF THE WEEK." YOU ARE A REAL INSPIRATION TO OTHER FARM FOLKS AND A CREDIT TO AGRICULTURE.